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This file consists of one record for each SP who met two conditions as of the fall round. First, the SP had to report that he or she was enrolled in Medicare HMO at the time of the community interview in the fall round. Second, CMS records had to show a capitation payment to a Medicare HMO on behalf of the SP for the month of the interview.

These data augment information from the Access to Care and Satisfaction with Care sections of the questionnaire. It contains information about access to and satisfaction with medical services received through the HMO. It also contains the SP's assessment of the quality of medical care they are receiving, types of additional coverage offered, and any out-of-pocket costs associated with the HMO.

RIC	1	2			C Record Identification Code
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BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT		C Unique SP Identification Number
			3,919		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
D_COVANY	12	2	YES2FMT		N SP covered by Mcare HMO during this year
			3,919		1 Yes
			0		2 No
D_COVCUR	14	2	YES2FMT		N SP currently enrolled in a Medicare HMO?
			3,919		1 Yes
			0		2 No
YEARSHMO	16	2	HMYRSFMT	HIMC23	N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
			1		. Missing
			20		-9 Not ascertained
			42		-8 Don't know
			739		1 Less than 1 year
			936		2 1 to 2 years
			882		3 3 to 5 years
			583		4 6 to 10 years
			277		5 11 to 15 years
			164		6 16 to 20 years
			275		7 More than 20 years

Note: First available in 1996

MHREFDIF	18	2	DIFFMT	AC33	N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
			1		. Missing
			4		-9 Not ascertained
			8		-8 Don't know
			243		1 Yes
			3,031		2 No
			632		3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPECAL	20	2	SPECFMT		AC34		N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				6			1 Dentist or dental provider
				137			2 Physician
				4			3 Audiologist
				9			4 Chiropractor
				0			5 Clinical Social Worker
				1			6 Dietitian/nutritionist
				0			7 Hearing therapist
				1			8 Home health/health aide
				0			9 Homemaker
				0			10 Hospice worker
				0			11 I.V. therapist
				1			12 Nurse (RN)
				1			13 Nurse Practitioner
				0			14 Nurse's Aide
				1			15 Occupational Therapist (OT)
				6			16 Optometrist (OD)
				1			17 Osteopath (DO)
				0			18 Paramedic
				9			19 Physical Therapist (PT)
				1			20 Physician's Assistant
				12			21 Podiatrist
				2			22 Psychologist
				1			23 Respiratory Therapist
				1			24 Social/Case Worker
				0			25 Speech Therapist
				2			26 Therapist (Mental Health)
				5			27 X-Ray Technician
				0			28 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
				40			91 Other Medical provider

Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1  
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MHNOAUTH	22	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				94			1 Indicated
				149			2 Not indicated

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MHWAITLG	24	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Wait for appointment was too long
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				13			1 Indicated
				230			2 Not indicated

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MHNOCONV	26	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				54			1 Indicated
				189			2 Not indicated
			Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996				
MHNOREFR	28	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't give referral to SP
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				78			1 Indicated
				165			2 Not indicated
			Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996				
MHNOLIKE	30	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N SP didn't like HMO - referred doctors
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				23			1 Indicated
				220			2 Not indicated
			Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996				
MHBADHRS	32	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's office hours not convenient
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Indicated
				242			2 Not indicated
			Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996				
MHOTHER	34	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				3,676			. Inapplicable
				36			1 Indicated
				207			2 Not indicated
			Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996				
MHREFPAY	36	2	YES2FMT		AC36		N MHMO refused to pay emergency care
				1			. Missing
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				42			-8 Don't know
				81			1 Yes
				3,791			2 No
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MHMOPAY	50	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				11			-9 Not ascertained
				55			-8 Don't know
				1,033			1 Yes
				2,820			2 No

Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D\_MCRHMO = 1 or 3

D_ANHMO	52	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				2,889			. Inapplicable
				68			-8 Don't know
				962			Premium MIP pays for private insurance

Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1  
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FILLER	60	2					N Reserved for future use
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MHMOMEMB	62	2	HMEMBFMT		HIMC14		N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				8			. Missing
				35			-9 Not ascertained
				33			-8 Don't know
				1,554			1 Lower cost
				818			2 Better benefits or coverage
				240			3 Doctor was member
				105			4 Convenient location
				333			5 Recommendation or reputation
				245			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				82			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				49			8 Less paperwork
				95			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				30			10 Better selection of providers
				47			11 Better quality of care
				8			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				0			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				237			91 Other

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RECMHMO	64	2	YES1FMT		HIMC19		N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				156			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,399			1 Yes
				361			2 No

Notes: Asked only in new panel interviews of SPs who belong to an HMO  
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